



# Ring ing B e l l s

The timeless sound of English church bells helps provide the perfect backdrop for your special occasion.



The ringing of church bells is one of those quintessentially British sounds that we often take for granted. The unique English style of ringing evolved over 400 years ago, and has become part of our heritage.

**Church bells,  
what better sound  
makes an announcement across the village,  
for all to hear**

## *ringing at a wedding*

In the Parish of Three Saints we usually ring immediately after the wedding ceremony. We can ring beforehand to welcome the bride and guests as they arrive, or we can ring both before and after, for a small additional charge.

We start the ringing after the service so that as you leave the main body of the church to the sound of the organ, by time you have passed through the porch, you hear the bells, as you emerge into the churchyard to start your married life together.

We normally ring for 20-30 minutes, which is roughly the time that most wedding parties spend taking pictures at the front of the church. The ringing is fairly continuous, though we often pause briefly to rearrange the ringers to ring a different peal.



## *special commemorative ringing*

We often celebrate a notable event by ringing a special performance called a quarter peal, which takes about 50 minutes and requires more skill than routine ringing.

If you would like us to ring a quarter peal to celebrate your wedding, please contact the Captain's to discuss details. We would hope to ring your commemorative quarter peal on a weekday evening closest to your special date, as this is when most of our ringers are available.

### *other offers*

If you or any of your guests would like to see the ringing in action, we can arrange this (at no extra cost) provided it is arranged beforehand. Also, if you have any experienced ringers amongst your party they would be very welcome to come up the tower and join in.

If at a convenient time before or after your event you would like to visit the tower to see the bells rung, we can normally arrange this. You are also welcome to visit us during our weekly Tuesday practice between 7.30pm and 9.00pm. Please contact the Captain of the church building you wish to visit as there are occasionally changes to the schedule.

### *about the bells*

All three towers in the Parish of Three Saints have six bells, though their tone and characteristics are very different. St Michael's bells at Brent Knoll, are heavy and majestic (tenor 21cwt) and ringers come from all over the country to ring them. St Mary's, East Brent, are lighter (tenor 16cwt) and can be rung more quickly which makes them sound bright; while St Christopher's bells at Lympsham are lighter still (tenor 11cwt) and produce a higher-pitched merry sound.

## summary of what we offer

Please look at our website or contact the Tower Captains for up-to-date charges.

## contacts

### **Tower Captains:**

- St Christopher's church: Mrs Vivian Freeman / 01934 750034
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